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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
June 23, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Abby Commee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Jacinda Goodwin, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Ned Chester, Barry DeLong, Nickole DeMerritt, Denise Giles, Jamie Johnson, Hannah McMullen, Charles Laverdiere, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Jim Morse, Shelley Reed, Adam Royer, and Trish Shorey

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Damon Lefferts, Elaine Brann

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M and welcomed the JJAG Members.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the April 28th and May 26th, 2010 meetings were approved.

Motion: To approve the April and May 2010 Minutes

Moved: Jim Foss/Christine Thibeault 2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:07 A.M.

Paul began the meeting by announcing that he received a letter from OJJDP stating that we have done well and they are happy with our plan. Paul then discussed one of the work points that the JJAG needed to accomplish and explained the need to offer effective police training electronically. Paul suggested that we bring in a couple of trainers from Connecticut to do the training at about \$1,000 a day plus travel for two days to do the training. A question was asked if police officers all over the state could attend the training and if so, could we pay wages for those having to travel a long distance. Paul agreed and a motion was made.

Motion: To approve to pay department's wage replacements for officers to attend training.

Moved: Christine Thibeault, Patrick Walsh/2nd

Action: Approved

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The mission of the Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group is to advise and make recommendations to state policy makers and to promote effective system level responses that further the goals of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

Paul announced that the last meeting of the Juvenile Justice Task Force will be tomorrow, June 24th, and explained that there will be an Implementation Committee appointed by the Chairs. Paul asked for approval to use \$35,000 from systems improvement money to keep this momentum going.

Motion: To support using Systems Improvement money to support the Juvenile Justice Task Force Implementation Committee.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Jim Foss 2nd

Action: Approved

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn met with the DMC Coordinator, Noel Bonam, and was very impressed with his great ideas and good connections. Kathryn mentioned that as of this date, we have had about 112 downloads for the Collaborative Problem Solving RFP. Kathryn stated that Dr. Ross Green will not be taking any money from the previous award to pay himself and he suggested that with the money left over he would like to use it to help anyone who applied for the RFP and was not awarded. There was much discussion on the use of this money and how we might be able to accept this amount so that we do not have to turn it back to OJJDP. Kathryn said that she is still waiting for a response from OJJDP and will let everyone know as soon as she receives information.

Kathryn gave Jonathan Shapiro and Abby McCourt JJAG Policy and Procedures Notebooks and stated that the JJAG Procedures Notebooks will be updated in September.

Kathryn stated that Damon could not be at the JJAG meeting to give his report on Compliance Monitoring. She said that the 2009 Compliance Monitor Report passed with only three violations.

The next JJAG Meeting will not begin again until September. Kathryn also thanked the JJAG members for their support and stated that she was happy to have them all as members of the JJAG.

Kathryn also stated that she will be attending a Racial Profiling hearing on Saturday presented by the MCLU, as Paul is unable to attend.

V. Committee Reports:

Christine Thibeault – Legislative Committee – Gave a brief synopsis on SORNA, but did not have information available to present to the members on the supplemental guidelines. She will put together a synopsis to send out on the changes in State regulations and stated that there were no changes in the juvenile regulations.

Patrick Walsh – Communications – Patrick stated that he had nothing to report.

Dalene mentioned that her agency is engaged in a campaign to celebrate Partners for all the people who have helped to make the STAR Program happen and JJAG will be one of the sponsors recognized.

VI. Presentation of An Improved Police Response to Juveniles in Crisis Project – Jonathan Shapiro:

Jonathan Shapiro handed out copies of a Police Juvenile Reporting Form that he and other police officers in York County developed in response to the many 911 emergency calls that they had been receiving from families who had a juvenile who was out of control. Jonathan went on to explain that these calls were not of the emergency or criminal nature where a crime had been committed and many of the officers were not trained to handle such family situations. He went on to explain that they formed a committee to work on a form that the officers could use as a check list for responding to these situations and at the same time provide needed information to other agencies that might eventually be involved with the juvenile and to also help families know who to contact or how to get appropriate help for their child. His goal is to have this form accepted state-wide.

This form has been used for about three months in the York County area by State Police Troop A, but Jonathan stated he is hoping to get the Academy to mandate this form as part of the training for all law enforcement officers in the State of Maine.

The JJAG members were very impressed with this form and asked a lot of questions regarding its availability. Jonathan responded that while this form is only being used in York County, other agencies could also download it for their own use. Kathryn stated that she would forward all the information sent to her from Jonathan, including the training program and lesson plans, to the JJAG Members.

FACJJ Report – Patrick Walsh:

Patrick went over his notes from his two day meeting with the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice held in Washington, DC on May 10th and 11th. Patrick outlined some of the funding requests and changes to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. He stated that OJJDP has sent a letter to the Senate in support of reauthorization of the Act and there is a chance that it will pass. Patrick wasn't sure whether or not the President and Congress will be affected by the report or if there will be any changes when a new administration comes in.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

The next meeting will be September 22, 2010 at Mountain View Youth Development Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.